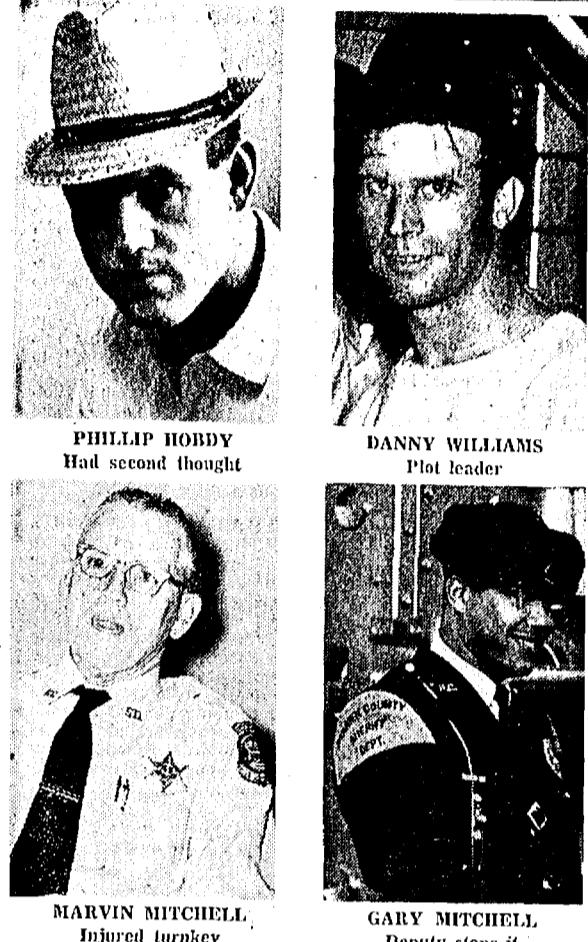


BATTLING HOFFA ENTERS PRISON



PHILLIP HOBODY
Had second thought

DANNY WILLIAMS
Plot leader

MARVIN MITCHELL
Injured turnkey

GARY MITCHELL
Deputy stops it

Felon Beats Jailer In Escape Attempt

Berrien Break Foiled

By KEITH WOOD
Staff Writer

A Berrien county jail guard was severely beaten early this morning during an escape attempt by five prisoners.

The bid for freedom ended when Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Gary Mitchell met them at the front door of the cell section. They then returned to cells voluntarily.

Injured was Turnkey Marvin Mitchell of Niles. He suffered two head cuts, requiring 17 stitches, and several bruises. He was treated at Memorial hospital and then released.

Berrien Sheriff Henry Griese said the escape attempt had apparently been planned for some time. His account of events is as follows:

Prisoners in the felony section were locked up a 9 p.m., but one, Danny Williams, 24, Coloma, had stepped into a shower stall next to his cell and no one noticed that he wasn't

locked up. About 1:25 a.m. two other prisoners, Phillip Hobdy, 27, a convict from Jackson prison, and Charles Hunt, 32, Townline road, asked for aspirin. When Marvin Mitchell entered to deliver the aspirin Williams was hiding on a ledge above the cell block gate and jumped down on him.

STRUCK WITH BROOM
Williams knocked the 64-year-old turnkey to the floor and began beating him with a broom handle. Mitchell was then dragged over to Hobdy's cell and tied to the bars with towels.

Then Williams took the keys and unlocked doors on all eight cells in the block, telling prisoners if they wanted out to follow him.

Williams, Hunt and two other prisoners, James W. Walker, 28, Chicago, and Edward L. Hood, 26, of 733 Lavette street, Benton Harbor, then apparently started

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for the front, but had trouble finding a key for the front corridor.

Another prisoner, Elmer Daniels, 28, Berrien Springs, then untied Mitchell and helped him to the emergency phone to sound the alarm. Hobdy apparently had second thoughts about the escape attempt and did not go to the front door with others. He also helped Mitchell get to the phone.

(Hobdy formerly of Benton Harbor won a journalism prize for "A Letter to Teenagers," warning youngsters against a life of crime. It has been widely reprinted and was published in this newspaper last Dec. 1.)

POLICE RUSH TO JAIL

Marvin Mitchell's call was received by Deputy Douglas Fishburn, who was on the radio desk. Gary Mitchell, who was in the jail at the time, headed for the cell area as Fishburn



HOFFA SURRENDERS: Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa, 54, talks to newsmen outside U.S. District Court in Washington today as he surrendered to begin serving an eight-year federal jury tampering sentence. (AP Wirephoto)

Still Hopes To Win Freedom

Charges U.S. Vendetta; RFK Home Guarded

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa surrendered today to begin serving an eight-year federal jury tampering sentence and said "beware of losing your constitutional rights." Hoffa, 54, still contending his conviction was a result of a federal vendetta against him, said "If the government can do this to Hoffa, it can do it to anybody."

Hoffa was to be fingerprinted and then taken by car and plane to the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa.

Hoffa said he still had faith that his lawyers will ultimately be successful in their efforts to win him a new trial.

VERY UNHAPPY DAY
But he added: "It's a very unhappy day of my life."

"I pleaded innocent in Tennessee and in all my appeals I have charged that there has been wiretapping, eavesdropping and surveillance," he said. "They did everything they could unconstitutionally to place me in jail and they have done so temporarily, but my attorneys will appeal."

"I appeal to all members of organized labor to tell them that none of the courts or legislators understand your problems. Only you who work with your hands know your problems."

"The organization I left behind is a strong one. And I hope to return to it. My health is good."

CITIZEN'S RIGHTS
"I hope that everyone knows that this is not purely a question of getting Hoffa. It's a question for every citizen. If they can do this to Hoffa, they can do it to every citizen. And I tell everyone to look out for his rights."

Hoffa made his comments in a brief statement to 50 or more newsmen assembled on the steps of the District of Columbia Building. He paused only briefly in the rain to make his remarks.

Hoffa then went directly to the office of U.S. Marshal Luke Moore, where Moore said the judgment and commitment papers would be checked.

OTHERS CONVICTED

Three others convicted with Hoffa of trying to bribe jurors in the 1962 Nashville, Tenn., trial surrendered to federal marshals also.

Larry Campbell, Teamsters Detroit business agent, surrendered at 9 a.m. in Detroit, but had no comment for newsmen. Ewing King, secretary of the union's Nashville local, and Thomas E. Parks, Nashville undertaker's assistant, both surrendered in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry," attorney Daniel Maher told Hoffa over the telephone after losing a bid in the U.S. Court of Appeals Monday to keep Hoffa free under \$75,000 bond pending the outcome of new trial motions.

"Pretty miserable," was the way one loyal Hoffa aide described the mood in the Teamsters huge marble headquarters building near the U.S. Capitol. Some secretaries were in tears.

KEEP'S CALM
Hoffa reportedly maintained his grim, philosophical acceptance of his fate. He didn't even bother to take his appeal for a writ of habeas corpus to the U.S. Supreme Court, which had already twice rejected his appeal.

"He's not cracking up," said one Hoffa aide tersely.

And, Teamsters sources said, Hoffa was so resigned to losing he had said his goodbye to many union officials last Friday.

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OFFICER WALKS IN ON SAFECRACKER!

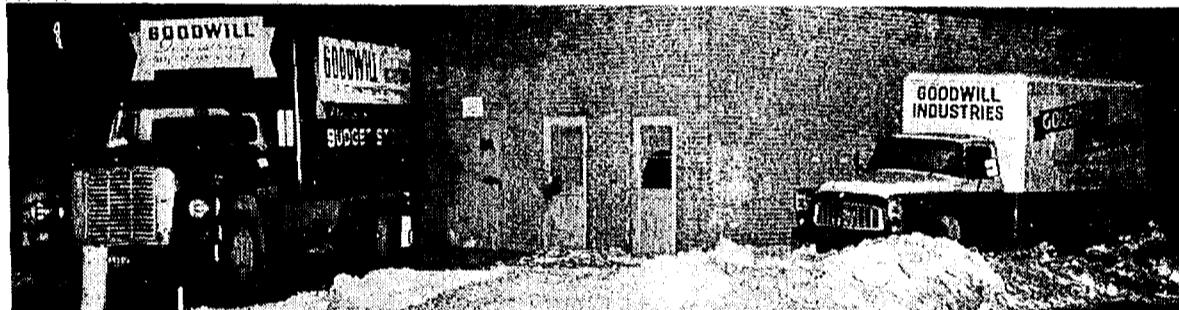
Western Union Safe Was Target

Bullets Fly;
Suspect Is Held

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

A safe cracking attempt in the Benton Harbor Western Union Co. office, 93, Wall street, was foiled late last night, when a police officer walked in on the intruder.

Police about 18 minutes later apprehended a suspect in the cab of a Goodwill Industries truck about a block from the Western Union office, following a chase during which police shots were fired in an alley behind the office, between Pipeline and Colfax avenue.



FOUND IN TRUCK: A suspect in last night's burglary and attempted safe-cracking of the Western Union office in Benton Harbor was found by police in the cab of the truck on the right. The truck was parked on Oak street, about a block

from the Western Union office, directly across the street from the offices of The Palladium Publishing Co. The truck is owned by GoodWill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Oak and Colfax. (Staff photo)

Western Union office left the scene.

DOOR SMASHED

Police said entry was gained by breaking in the front door. A safe had been moved from the office to a hallway and hammer marks were imprinted on the

face near its dial. Nothing was reported taken from the office.

Auxiliary Patrolman Duane

Whaley, on routine door-checking patrol, was haled on Wall street by Edward Keeler, proprietor of Keeler's Korner appliance store at Colfax and Wall

street.

Keeler told Whaley he had heard strange noises coming from a hallway behind the back of his store, which abuts the Western Union office. Whaley entered the hallway through a door separating the two stores and saw a man sitting on a chair in front of the safe.

The man saw Whaley and fled through an alleyway door.

SHOTS FIRED

"I shouted, 'stop,' two times and then fired my service revolver in the air when he turned right into a walkway, leading to Wall street. Just as he disappeared, I fired a second shot."

Whaley described the action and said his next move was to contact headquarters for help with a walkie-talkie radio unit. It was 11:12 p.m. when Lt. Lyman Keigley, on desk duty, received the call.

Cars from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and the sheriff's department descended on the scene. Officers searching lots in the area, found Burgess in the Goodwill truck in that firm's lot, across Oak street from the Palladium Publishing Co.

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OHIO WALKOUT AGAIN TERMED 'ILLEGAL'

Second Strike Hits GM Plant

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — A General Motors plant whose work stoppage ended after the strike last month idled 200,000 auto workers was shut down for a second time today by union pickets.

Two union men were admitted to Mansfield General Hospital after an incident involving a station wagon driven by a union security guard.

Pickets posted at 6 a.m. kept out most of the first shift at the Fisher Body plant here, a few hours after sporadic picketing late Monday night had kept part of the third shift from reporting for work.

The new work stoppage apparently stemmed from suspensions given to union members during the first walkout.

CAUSE?

Union officials were not available for comment, but the new picketing reportedly stemmed from reports five men were to be fired.

The plant personnel manager, Thomas Legacy, said the five men were still on suspension from the first walkout and no final determination on their status had been announced. Among the five is the crane operator whose suspension for refusing to load tiles for shipment to another GM plant triggered the first walkout.

Nearly 200,000 other workers were idled at GM plants around

the country before that first work stoppage ended after the personal intervention of United Auto Workers President Walter P. Reuther.

Reuther threatened to take over Mansfield Local 549 if President Robert Hall and other officers did not end the unauthorized strike.

"ILEGAL"

The company said the new walkout also is "an illegal

strike."

Police Sgt. Robert Krause told

After pickets kept hourly employees from entering the plant this morning, most of the union workers gathered in the local hall, across the road from the plant, or sat in their cars parked along U.S. 30.

The Mansfield hospital said Garry Ryder, 26, and Dave Ison, 27, were brought in, Ryder for treatment of a possible fractured left shoulder, Ison for back bruises.

Police Sgt. Robert Krause told

the sheriff's office Ryder was hurt when he slid off the hood of a station wagon after he had jumped up on it.

Some reports quoted union men as contending Ison was hit by a security guard's night stick, but a company spokesman termed this "absolutely untrue." The spokesman said "none of the plant personnel in the car got out of the car" and Ison was not present at the time of the incident.

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were Mrs. Eva House, 45, and Rodney Lewis, 19, both of Detroit. They were searching for a plane piloted by Edward

expected Saturday or Sunday.

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Call Sanitary Cleaners, Adv.

JAKARTA (AP) — The Indonesian Congress opened historic special session today to decide whether to dismiss President Sukarno from his now powerless post. The decision is

expected Saturday or Sunday.

The girl, Lori Lambrix, and a brother were on the ice along the shoreline posing for pictures that her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lambrix, were taking when she spotted the wheel. The wheel has been turned over to the FAA.

17 Dry Cleaning days 'til Easter.

Call Sanitary Cleaners, Adv.

Editorials**Revising The Draft**

President Johnson has sent to Congress the recommendations of a 20-member advisory commission to change the mechanics of Selective Service.

He appointed the commission last July in response to widespread complaints that the draft was working imperfectly at best and in its worst phases was shot full of inequities.

The system is a carry-over from the 1940 Selective Service Act, one that passed the House of Representatives by a single vote in those days when FDR was having fight on his hands trying to convince most of the country that World War II was not the phoney conflict as described by the late Senator William Borah.

Pearl Harbor created a national indignation which overshadowed whatever defects the draft may have had and until Viet Nam became more than geographical expression, not many complaints could be heard because this country's reduced military commitments lessened the impact of Selective Service.

Not even Korea focused undue attention on the draft.

Korea did, however, raise a squawk elsewhere. This was in the widespread call-up of the reserve components.

Pulling so many of those WW II vets back into harness raised a backlash against the Democrats in the 1952 elections.

Taking a leaf from that book, LBJ has avoided studiously any call upon the nation's week-end soldiery and has relied entirely for an acceleration in the draft to fill the manpower requirements of Vietnam.

Vietnam is several percentage points below World War II in popularity and the far reaching pull on American family life for the present war is filling the Congressional mail bags.

The commission proposes these major changes in the present law:

Calling younger men first in the sensitive 19 to 26 year age bracket rather than working as at present from the older age downward.

Give local draft boards a hard and fast set of rules on deferments that would apply nationwide and reduce the number of those boards. The rules could be wrong, but, if nothing else, they would hit everyone alike. As things now stand, a draft board at Pocatello, Id., can be at variance with the board in Morristown, Pa.

Once a young man has been popped into the 1-A category, use some sort of lottery to determine when he will be called for duty. The commission uses the word "randomizing" rather than calling a spade a spade, but essentially it urges the lottery method.

Terminate the present deferment in fact which exists by the 1-A registrant escaping active duty through enrolling in the Reserves or National Guard. This sanctuary would be continued only if the prospective draftee enlisted in a reserve unit prior to his 19th birthday.

End the student deferment as such.

The student deferment raised the most controversy within the commission. A third of its members feel it should be retained.

The majority would continue existing deferments, but not beyond the commencement date of the student's undergraduate career.

The report concludes with an expression of opposition to an all volunteer military force or universal military training (outright conscription).

The report includes another comment worthy of attention. Complete equity, states the commission, can never exist where only some of those potentially eligible will be called.

Immediate reaction from Congress, particularly committee members directly concerned with the military, was one of skepticism.

"Randomizing" with the draft or anything else has never been popular with most Congressmen because it reduces their contact with the process. Reducing local draft boards to a figurehead status may receive a setback. The members are appointed by the nomination of their Congressmen. Reducing the boards in number or stature weakens a Representative's home ties.

The commission does reach to the heart of the complaints against the draft.

Selective Service holds a sword of doubt over all young men. By naming the 19th birthday as a D Day of sorts, the young man at least knows what his immediate future may well be and could plan his affairs accordingly.

Secondly, he and his family would know the rules of the game are the same for everyone and operate uniformly all through the country.

These two improvements alone would cancel the criticism that the present system has a widespread tendency to convert a deferment into a permanent exemption.

Falling Birthrate

The birthrate in the United States, which has been dropping fairly fast since the postwar peak of 1947, is on the verge of reaching the low point of 1933, 18.4 per 1,000 in the total population.

This does not reflect the birthrate of the very poor. That is one factor in the dawning realization that sheer population growth in America is no longer the economic asset to business it has been thought to be.

It is no comfort to any city to face increasing numbers of school dropouts in the presence of a labor market that is constantly upgrading its educational and technical requirements.

Dr. Joseph J. Spengler, a professor of economics at Duke University, puts it this way:

"In the future, economic growth will depend mainly upon invention, innovation, technical progress, and capital formation. It is high time, therefore, that businessmen cease looking upon the stork as a bird of good omen."

A similar expression comes from James F. Oates Jr., chairman of the board of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S.:

"A rapidly growing population is not a necessary precondition for the continued development of our economy. A declining birthrate need not have an adverse effect on business."

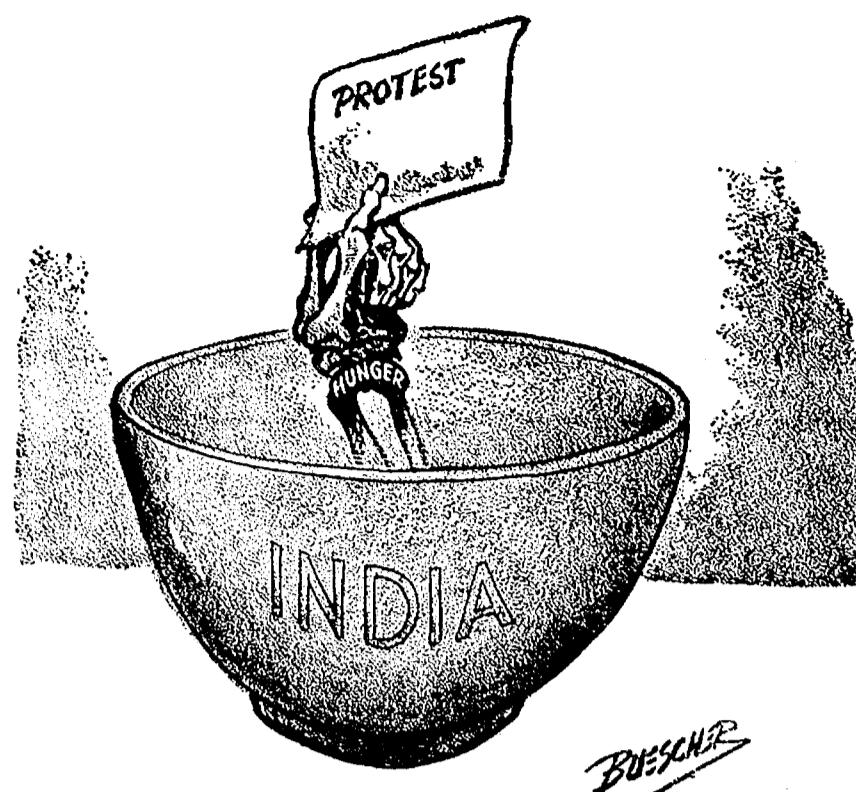
"Although the traditional assumption in this country has been that a rapidly growing population leads to increased demand and, hence, stimulates investment, a careful analysis of the world situation shows that rapid population growth may and frequently has operated to inhibit economic development."

The American business system in the future, he says, will be propelled by inventiveness and imagination and will be fueled by the unsatisfied needs and desires of people with money to buy what they want. Increasing productivity is the key.

Some day, perhaps, America may come to see that some stability of population in a healthy, growing economy has a great deal to be said for it. It will be the quality of life in a pleasant environment that will count.

In this fast-moving age, an old-timer is one who can recall when the Chinese rebels were about to launch an all out attack on the Quemoy Islands.

Inflation might get entirely out of hand if it were possible to buy experience on credit.

THE SILENT VOTE

THE HERALD-PRESS EDITORIAL PAGE

Glancing Backwards —**THREE ATTEND
BOARD MEETING***—1 Year Ago—*

Mrs. Frank Kelly and Mrs. Dean H. Lightner of St. Joseph and Mrs. Merle Lochner of Benton Harbor attended the Lansing Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's board meeting at Holiday Inn in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Kelly is chairman of the LDCCW 1966 conference to be held in St. Joseph this spring for which Mrs. Lightner will serve as reservations and registration chairman. Mrs. . . .

Lochner is LDCCW pilgrimage chairman.*LUNCH HOUR
PROGRAM SET**—10 Years Ago—*

The YWCA in St. Joseph will begin a new project on March 21 — a box lunch hour in the Cove for locally employed women. The plan is to provide a place where working girls and women who bring their own lunch may obtain coffee, etc., and eat in pleasant surroundings, listen to records, read or play bridge or ping pong.

The committee includes Mrs. C.N. Hinman, Mrs. Irwin Hill, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, Mrs. E.L. Zerlaut, and Mrs. John Paul Taylor.

**TARGET AREAS
GET OCD HELP***—25 Years Ago—*

Civilian defense officials predicted today that orders would go out from the war department without delay for the first supply of equipment to protect persons and property in the nation's target areas from bombing attacks, sabotage, and other war hazards.

The first supplies will include steel helmets, auxiliary fire-fighting apparatus, medical materials, and arm bands. Manufacture of gas masks for the civilian population will come after the war production board has issued clearance orders. Each city under 200,000, as a general rule, will receive one auxiliary fire-fighting pump for each pump now operated by the city, plus another for each existing pump over 15 years old.

LAKE SEARCH*—35 Years Ago—*

The St. Joseph Coast Guard crew with crews from seven other stations searched the lake Sunday battling five hours with a blizzard for the missing vessel, the "White Flyer," a fishing boat from Waukegan. Ice on the Coast Guard boat when it returned to port was from three to six inches thick.

IS PATIENT

H. C. Krake of Coloma is a patient at the St. Joseph sanitarium.

MOVE TO NILES

The Joseph Bodjack family are moving to Niles where Mr. Bodjack will engage in the shoe business.

LIGHT CATCH

The catch by the fish tugs yesterday was not very heavy.

Factograph

Sleeping Bear Sand Dune between Lake Michigan and Glen Lake in Leelanau County, Michigan, is the largest shifting sand dune in the world.

TRY AND STOP ME*By BENNETT CERF*

From the busy pen of Sam Himmel: The young couple had had their first quarrel, and for several hours neither would speak to the other. Finally the husband decided to give in. "Please speak to me, dear," he said. "I'll admit I was wrong and you were right." "It won't do any good," sobbed the bride. "I've changed my mind." A long-suffering wife complained to her husband: "Every time you see a pretty girl you forget you're married." "Oh, no, I don't," he replied with resignation. "That's when I remember..." Said a wife: "That couple next door seem very devoted. He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?" Said the hubby: "I don't know her well enough yet."

A starlet with a superb sense of double-entry bookkeeping flung a date with the most eligible bachelor in town. She returned from the date with spirits high and reported to her roommate, "We're off to a promising start. I had to say 'No' to him from the minute we climbed into his car. He kept

asking, 'Do you mind if I do this?' and 'Do you mind if I do that?'" . . .

Art Buchwald is touting his intimates away from what he claims was once one of his favorite eating places in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Spoiled by success, claims Art, their shish kebab is now served on a rusty sword, their sweet wine is now sour wine (too big an inventory) and the coffee is currently served at room temperature.

Features**speaking of YOUR HEALTH***By Lester L. Coleman, M. D.*

I am asking your advice about my 24-year-old daughter. She is taking 400 milligrams of a tranquilizer which her doctor gave her some time ago. Now she craves it even though she wants to stop taking it. It almost makes her drunk so that she cannot take care of her three little boys. What can we do to help her?

Mrs. N.M. Nebraska Dear Mrs. N.M.: It is obvious from your distressed letter that your daughter must have some emotional problems. She apparently has found that Dr. Coleman originally prescribed by her doctor relieves some of her anxiety.

Now she has become dependent on them for the tranquility she seeks. But obviously tranquilizing drugs are not the answer to the basic problems that must be solved before she really finds relief from her anxiety.

Let us for a moment talk about tranquilizers. These remarkable but overused drugs are swallowed by thousands of people who hardly respect them as a potential health hazard.

The drugs have captured the imagination and the public fancy as an easy escape from the trials, tensions and anxieties of modern day living.

Tranquilizing drugs have proved their worth in a wide variety of uses. They have almost revolutionized the treatment of many forms of mental illness.

These drugs are remarkable tools for the control of some mental afflictions. This is admitted by all doctors who respect their use and carefully understand their advantages.

CONTRACT BRIDGE . . .*By E. Jay Becker*

**East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.**

NORTH**♦ K65****♦ QJ103****♦ 1084****♦ K55****WEST****♦ K10872****♦ A74****♦ 74****♦ J32****♦ 975****♦ A74****SOUTH****♦ 843****♦ AK8****♦ AK6****♦ Q1092****EAST****♦ AJ****♦ 9652****♦ Q975****♦ 1084****♦ K55**

The bidding:
East South West North

Pass Pass 3NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — seven of spades.

The Rule of Eleven is a marvelous instrument of play, but, like any other rule of thumb, it must be applied with discretion.

For example, imagine you have the East hand and are defending against three notrump. West leads the seven of spades, which you assume is fourth-best, and declarer plays low from dummy. Now you have to choose between playing the jack or the ace.

Applying the Rule of Eleven, you deduce that South has precisely one card higher than the seven. You deduct seven, the card led, from the magic

today's GRAB BAG . . .*By Ruth Ramsey, Central Press Writer*

research farm and continued his experiments for more than 50 years.

Though he failed in his attempts to develop a pitless plum, spineless, edible cactus and a crossbred plum-apricot, he did succeed in developing the Shasta daisy, the seedless orange and the nectarine.

Others born this day include composer Maurice Ravel, novelist Ben Ames Williams, actress Anna Magnani, pro footballer Bill Bodeker.

YOUR FUTURE

Be prepared for a reversal followed by a stroke of luck. Today's child will have determination, fortitude.

IT'S BEEN SAID

The less tenderness a man has in his nature the more he requires of others. — Rachel.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Across northern Norway, Sweden and Russia. 2. Two; England and Ireland. 3. 72. 4. "If Winter Comes." 5. The Coldstream Guards.

Factographs

Largest raindrops measure about one-quarter-inch in diameter; larger ones break up as they fall through the air.

World's most heavily forested areas are the Amazon valley of South America and the Congo valley of Africa.

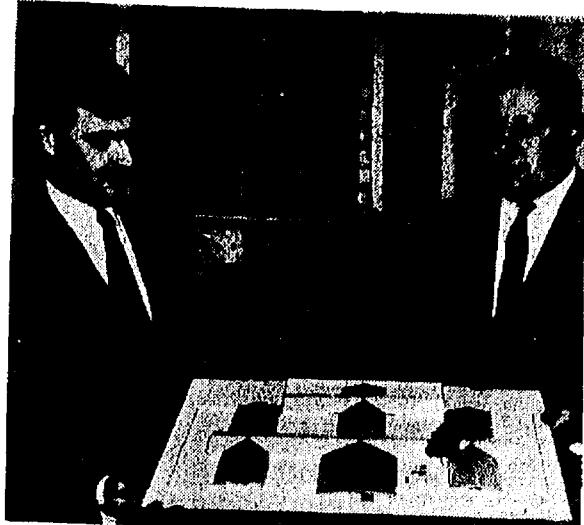
Challina Mountain, Mount Desert Island, Maine, is the highest point on the Atlantic coast of the United States.

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Twin City
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1967

NILES AVENUE CONSTRUCTION WORK SLATED



Detour At Hilltop On Monday

Route Will Go To State Street For Summer

Detour route will be set up next Monday for the beginning of the construction work to widen Niles avenue to five lanes from the south city limits of St. Joseph to Winchester avenue.

The announcement was made Monday afternoon by Clayton H. Voss, District 7 engineer of the State Highway department.

Local Niles avenue area traffic will continue to be carried on the roadway until about the middle of April, said Voss. "After this time, Niles avenue will be in various stages of disruption throughout the summer and will necessarily inconvenience a good many people," he added.

The contractor, Gross & White of Grand Rapids, plans to work on about half of the job at a time to minimize the handling of local traffic, Voss reported. Through traffic should be back on Niles avenue by the end of October, he said. Final completion of the job is scheduled for June 30, 1968.

DISRUPTION

"This construction will seriously disrupt local traffic and the cooperation of everyone concerned is necessary to ease inconvenience to individuals and businesses on this section of US-33," said Voss.

Through trunkline traffic will be detoured west from the junction of Hilltop road and US-33 on Hilltop road to State street and then north to Winchester.

From the corner of Winchester and State, the traffic will be routed east to Niles avenue and back to the existing trunkline. The additional distance due to the temporary detour is about four blocks.

The major disruption will be to individuals and businesses within the project limits, said Voss. "Often these people will have to use the side streets adjacent to Niles avenue for overnight parking when critical operations are under way."

CROSS TRAFFIC

"Every effort will be made by means of part-width construction or temporary crossovers to keep local traffic disruption to a minimum, but there are bound to be a few times when the best planned operation will break down and inconvenience will be necessary. Cross traffic at Kingsley avenue will be maintained at all times by means of part-width construction."

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"Local traffic from the dead-end streets of Van Brunt avenue and Myrtle street will also be maintained at all times by means of part-width construction. Occasional disruptions will probably be encountered."

BH Marine Is Returned

Billy W. Pitts, 17, of route 3, Benton Harbor, was turned over to U.S. Marine authorities yesterday by Benton Harbor police for being AWOL from Camp Pendleton, Calif., since March 1.

Patrolman Ronald Immoos arrested Pitts early Sunday morning for driving without an operator's license. Pitts, who was in uniform, told Immoos that his identification card was a military operator's license.

MAYOR'S ASSURANCE New B.H. Market Will Open In Time

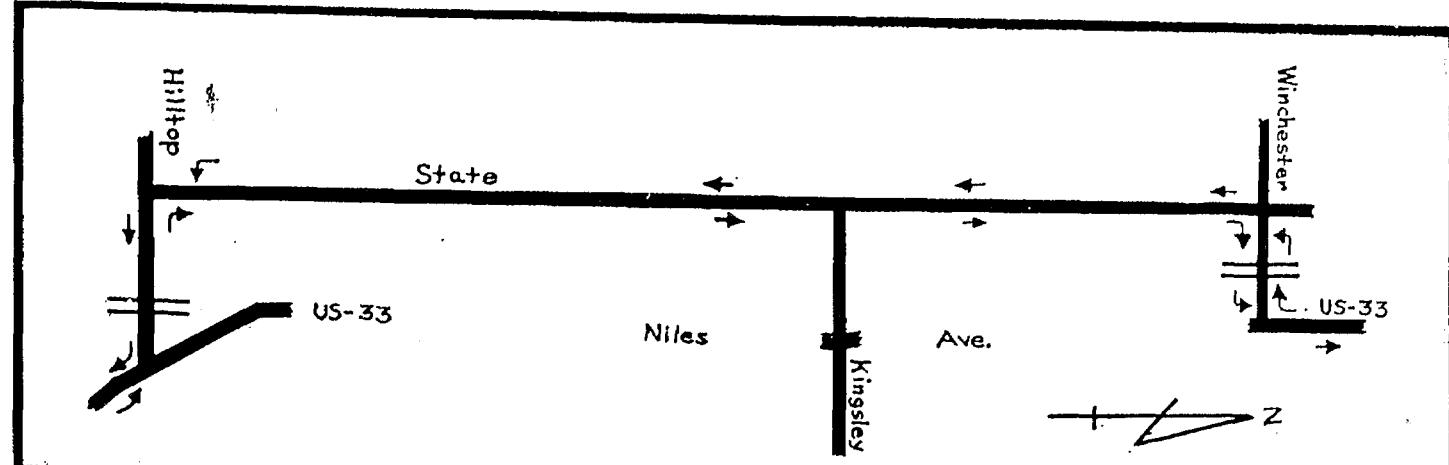
"We're No. 2 and will try harder," Mayor Wilbert Smith said last night in trying to assure a Watervliet grower that the new Benton Harbor fruit market will be open in time for the 1967 season.

Reinhold Zepik had mentioned that New York had just opened a \$40 million market. Nothing that grandioso is considered by Benton Harbor on the 28-acre site near the airport, but the city is planning an adequate market to serve growers and

buyers, the mayor implied.

Grading and drainage work is completed and the site is ready for graveling and blacktopping when the weather breaks, Smith reported. A couple of prospects are under consideration for the job of market manager.

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugher cited the growth of air shipments of fruit from California and said air freight could make the Benton Harbor market "world wide and recapture some of the fruit business we have lost."



ST. JOE DETOUR ROUTE: Detour route during construction work to widen Niles avenue in St. Joseph to five lanes will add

about four blocks to the travel of through traffic, according to a state highway department engineer

'STOP PAYMENTS TO MICHIGAN'

S.J. Twp. Pushes Federal Fund Cut

St. Joseph township is asking the U.S. Bureau of Roads again to withhold federal funds until the design of the proposed Niles-Hilltop-Washington intersection with the I-94 penetrator is redrawn to eliminate alleged hazards.

Township Attorney John L. Crow last night read a letter he is sending to F. C. Turner, acting Federal Highway administrator, in which he cites refusal of the township and the Berrien county road commission to pay for power for

lighting the proposed intersection—a key point in the controversy.

Crow cited a letter from Heath Calvin, engineer-manager of the county road commission, in which the road commission also refused to pay for the energy to light the intersection.

St. Joseph township is fighting the construction of the I-94 penetrator in general and specifically the grade crossing where several streets and roads merge just south of the St. Joseph city limits.

ALTERNATE

The township has maintained modernizing Niles avenue would be the best link between the freeway and the city of St. Joseph.

Crow told the township Board of Roads to halt construction of the penetrator.

He sent a letter to the Bureau of Roads two months ago in which he wrote the township "would not willingly pay" for power for lights illuminating the interchange. Subsequently the State Highway department offered four plans for lighting the area. These plans call for erecting anywhere from 25 400-watt mercury vapor lamps to 10 1000-watt mercury vapor lamps. This is in line with directives to protect the intersection with every safety device feasible.

The highway department, noting the township's threat to refuse to pay for the power (the Highway Department is forbidden by law to pay for the power) asked the county road commission to pay for the lights.

Calvin wrote it was against the commission policy to pay for such lights.

CITES STANDARD

Crow noted in his letter that if adequate lighting was important to the safety of the highway and if power for such lighting was withheld then in effect the highway would not be properly maintained and the bureau of roads, by law, would have to withhold funds for all state road projects.

The Bureau of Roads had replied to the original letter citing the township's objections as follows: "we are informed that the department of (Michigan) State Highways has directed its traffic division to make a thorough study of traffic operations where the controlled access route will join the street pattern with a view to providing traffic control features which will insure safety of vehicle operation."

OTHER ACTIONS

In other business, a request from Whirlpool Corp. for special use permits to put parking lots on two pieces of property on North State street was referred to the planning commission. Five lots on each side of the two in question are already parking lots, the firm noted.

Three election board members, for each of the city's ten precincts were approved for hiring for the April 3 city election. Two commissioners and four supervisors are running in the election without opposition.

Vouchers for bills totaling \$49,000.04 were approved for payment.

such notice the project is not put into proper condition the secretary withdraws approval of further projects of all types in the entire state until such projects are put in proper condition of maintenance, unless a formal agreement has been entered with the local municipality in which case only projects within that municipality are held up."

Crow then asked this pointed question: "If the lighting is warranted and if neither the county road commission or the township will agree to maintain it (pay for the electricity) does that mean that if the project is built without those lights that all future projects in the state of Michigan will not be approved until adequate lighting is somehow furnished—or does the state of Michigan and in particular the Highway department enjoy some special status?"

S.J. Asks Sidewalk Shoveling

B.H. Girl Is Missing

A 14-year-old Benton Harbor girl has been missing from her home since Saturday, police were told yesterday.

Mrs. Jay Mead, 575 North Winans street, about noon yesterday, told Patrolman James Jackson her daughter, Nancy, was last seen about 11 a.m. Saturday, at St. John's school where she was making up work. The girl is described as white, five-feet, two inches tall and weighing 110 pounds. She has brown eyes and brown hair and was wearing a blue and white sweater, light blue skirt, knee socks and a brown corduroy coat.

Dropout Is Jailed For Trespassing

Gets Straight 30-Day Term

A 17-year-old dropout from Benton Harbor high school yesterday received a 30-day jail sentence for trespassing on school property.

Gary Ray Collins Jr., of 463 Roland avenue, Benton township, pleaded guilty to trespassing when arraigned before Associate Municipal Judge Harry Laity. He received a straight jail sentence, without fine or costs. Collins is a white youth.

Leon Burgoyne, high school administrative assistant, signed the complaint against Collins and said his reason was that Collins had been a troublemaker who had been warned repeatedly to stay away from the school, after he had dropped out of classes.

FOUND IN CAR

Patrolman Gerald Wooster about 2 p.m. found Collins and two other dropout youths sitting in an auto parked in the high school lot. Wooster took the three to Burgoyne's office, after recognizing Collins.

Burgoyne said he asked that the other two boys be released, because he personally never had warned them to remain off school grounds. Burgoyne this morning said he was writing to their parents to notify them he will sign complaints, if they are found on school property in the future.

Microphone Thefts Are Cleared Up

Two 14-year-old St. Joseph boys have been arrested and charged with larceny of ten microphones from five churches in the city.

Both boys have been petitioned to juvenile court, according to Det. Lt. William Mihalko who made the arrests on information obtained by himself and other officers.

A 13-year-old brother of one of the boys was also picked up because, police said, he had knowledge of the thefts and had not divulged it under questioning. He was released to his mother.

Six of the stolen microphones have been recovered, police reported, and there is a possibility the rest may be found.

The microphones were taken during the first half of February from the First Baptist, Trinity, Lutheran, St. Joseph Catholic, Church of God and First Congregational churches.

Not Many B.H. Voters Reinstate Poll Listing

Benton Harbor required eight additional voters Monday on the final day of registration for next month's municipal election, but the total was far short of replacing the names stricken from the rolls in December. City Clerk Evelyn Grenzwitzke said 1,333 names had been removed because they had failed to vote for Monday's additions. The clerk's office was required by law to stay open 12 hours on the last day of registration. There was no rush as five incumbents are unopposed in the April 3 election.

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COVERT MILLAGE ELECTION SET FOR APRIL

Cass Medical Facility Delayed



MOTHER COMFORTS DAUGHTER: Mrs. Charles Spawr, (in sweater) 608 Hazen street, Paw Paw, comforts daughter Nancy, 13, as Paw Paw Police Chief Grant Root and ambulance helpers get ready to take girl to hospital. Nancy was hit by pickup truck yesterday afternoon in front of Paw Paw high school. Police said she reportedly dashed from between two buses across Red Arrow highway into

path of pickup driven by Phillip Columbel, 18, of route 3, Paw Paw. Chief Root said Nancy was scheduled for surgery today in Kalamazoo Borgess hospital for a fractured leg and "green stick" fractures of both hips. The girl's father is State Trooper Charles Spawr, formerly of Benton Harbor, assigned to the Paw Paw post. Police said Columbel was not held. (Staff photo)

TIMMER POINTS TO COSTS

Police In South Haven Ask Better Pay, Fringes, Hours

SOUTH HAVEN — A request for a reduced work load of 40 hours a week, payment of 100 per cent hospitalization insurance, and regular step pay increases of about 5 per cent has been submitted to the city council by the bargaining committee for the Fraternal Order of Police on behalf of the South Haven police department.

The "wage and working proposal" for local police officers, plus a letter of protest from the bargaining team asking for additional bargaining meetings with the council, were submitted to aldermen at last night's regular meeting.

The local police officers are presently working 48-hour work weeks.

Acting City Manager Fred Timmer told the council in a

personal letter that the decrease in working hours would require the hiring of a minimum of two more employees at a cost of over \$5,000 a year, each. In addition, Timmer said the proposed pay increases for the police department alone would amount to about \$11,835 a year.

The council tabled action and agreed to hold a special executive meeting next Monday night to discuss pay increases and the preliminary budget which Timmer is now preparing. Members will attempt to determine soon whether the funds will be available to grant the requested police benefits as well as one-step pay increases to all other city departments.

In other action the council voted to hire the firm of Kenover, MacArthur & Co. as financial consultants to prepare for the sale of general obligation bonds for the proposed sewer and water system improvements. The fee will be \$4,000.

Members adopted resolutions approving State Highway department recommendations for making Phoenix street, Broadway, Phillips street and LaGrange street the 1-196 business loop through the city, and the relocation of Broadway at the Phillips street turn.

Baars then suggested that better attendance records be kept, not only at city council meetings, but at all advisory boards as well, and that members be required to attend the required number of meetings each year as set by city charter. The council agreed and instructed City Clerk Rita Verdonk to keep this record.

Aldermen also agreed to a suggestion by Mayor Glenn Sperry that an engineer be sought on a contract basis to help with city engineering needs until a full-time engineer can be hired. Since Norman Polk resigned, Sperry said, the city has been unable to retain a replacement.

Bills totaling \$22,976.29 were paid from the city general fund, and \$207,165.21 from the board of public works fund.

BUCHANAN OR BERTRAND TWP.?

BUCHANAN — A delegation of residents from Chamberlain road was present at the Buchanan township board meeting Monday night to request the township maintain the road in better condition and improve snow removal.

Chamberlain road serves as a boundary between Bertrand and Buchanan townships. It was decided the Buchanan township board and residents on the Bertrand side of the road are to attend a meeting of the Bertrand board Thursday night when this matter will be discussed.

RESIGNS POST

ROBERT ROSE, who has been a member of the township board since last year, resigned and was replaced by his son, Gene Robert Rose.

The board voted that only residents of the township shall be permitted to have a key to the township hall. It was decided that starting April 1, that the township hall will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays between 1 and 5 p.m. when Mrs. Harold Seashay will be present to issue building permits and handle other township business.

"At the present time, the township hall is open only on Fridays."

The annual township meeting was scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

ISSUE PERMIT

A dance permit was renewed for Mrs. Veronica Prucci, owner of Ronnie's Pavilion at Clear Lake Woods.

Carl Newsom was re-appointed custodian of the township hall and grounds for 1967. He has been on the job for two years.

Building permits were reported issued to Charles Vineyard for remodeling of his home and to Smith and Schaller Construction company of Berrien Springs for a new dwelling in the township.

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which formerly shared the

BAARS BACK

Alderman Alfred (Bud) Baars was back from a three-week vacation to make some critical remarks about the need for better municipal court reports, the absence of city assessor Howard McDougal from city council meetings, and his own absence from two consecutive council sessions without being excused for a vacation trip.

Baars told his colleagues he would like to see more complete court reports each month so members will know things like the number of cases pending as compared to the number of cases handled in city municipal court.

During a discussion on the need for a system of keeping daily assessment records up to date following a Clemishaw appraisal two years ago, Baars suggested that McDougal attend more council meetings so that members can keep themselves informed about his problems.

The board was told last night that new township constable Gerald Wasko has been on the job two weeks and is available by call and on weekends.

GRape Men Get Extra \$30 A Ton

Michigan Wineries and the Paw Paw Grape Juice company, both of Paw Paw, today began handing out \$30 a ton second payments to area growers on the 1966 blue grape crop.

Added to initial \$60 a ton payment made to growers, it brings per-ton payments on the 1966 harvest to \$90. Second payments will be made through Thursday.

James K. Warner, president of the two firms, said the companies anticipate a third payment to growers, perhaps in August.

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Location Of Unit In Doubt

County Seen In Danger Of Losing Hill-Burton Help

CASSOPOLIS — The Cass county board of supervisors yesterday delayed a decision on whether to build a new medical care facility.

Three supervisors proposed a four-point resolution in an effort to get the board to make a decision but, after much discussion, it was tabled until the annual reorganization session in April.

In other business, the board met the new extension swine specialist who will work with hog raisers in a four-county southwestern Michigan area and backed a move to keep Michigan on Eastern Standard Time the year around.

Supervisors Wilbur Stough and Glenn Grady of Dowagiac and Owen Gordon, Mason township, presented the medical care facility resolution which asked:

"1. Shall Cass county build a medical care facility of 100 beds and space for the medical clinic and department of social services?

"2. Shall Cass county build a medical care facility on land not owned and possibly with Hill-Burton funds?

"3. Shall Cass county build a medical care facility with Hill-Burton funds?

"4. Does the board of supervisors feel the voters of Cass county would approve a two-mill assessment for a period of three years to provide funds toward the building?"

NOT CONVINCED

Don Marlin, Howard township supervisor and welfare committee chairman, said he still is not convinced that the county would have to build the facility in or near Dowagiac in order to qualify for federal funds granted under the Hill-Burton act. But, he said, it is not up to the board of supervisors to decide on the location.

"If we need this facility, let's get on with it," Marlin said.

The board last fall heard a presentation from several Dowagiac business and civic leaders asking that the facility be built there, rather than on the site of the present county medical facility near Cassopolis, because Dowagiac would offer municipal water and other facilities and nearby physicians' offices.

Grady told supervisors they should decide the issue soon because the county may lose its place near the top of a priority list for Hill-Burton funds.

But the issue was tabled until next month on motion of Supervisor John Keller of Pokagon township.

SWINE AGENT

Fred Sackrider, Cass county agricultural extension agent, introduced Dale Purkhiser to the board which later signed an agreement under which Cass, Berrien, Van Buren and St. Joseph counties will share the cost of operating the swine specialist's office.

Purkhiser told the board that Cass county, one of the top hog counties in the nation, is expected to produce about 100,000 pigs for market this year.

"The swine industry in this area is definitely on the move and I'm going to do all I can to help it along," Purkhiser said.

He had been working as a swine specialist in an area including parts of Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri. An advisory committee made up of one member each of the supervisors' agricultural committees of the four counties will be named to coordinate the swine specialist's operations.

Cass county supervisors moved to back a resolution forwarded by the Jackson county board to keep Michigan in the Eastern Standard Time zone the year around. Area state legislatures will be notified of the board's stand.

MARINE PATROL

Sheriff Robert Dool presented his marine patrol program for 1967-68 with eight full-time deputies and one part-time deputy patrolling lakes in the county. Overall cost will be \$8,510 in salaries, \$50 for uniforms and \$2,440 for other expenses. He said the state, which formerly shared the



KILLED IN CRASH: Barbara Littman, 23, who was Miss Edwardsburg of 1961, was stewardess on Lake Central airliner that crashed Sunday night near Kenton, Ohio, killing all 38 persons aboard. In this picture Miss Littman was displaying Lake Central accessories. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Littman of Edwardsburg, she had recently been residing in Indianapolis. (AP Wirephoto)

marine patrol program cost on a 50-50 basis with the county, has cut its share to about 38 per cent this year.

The board accepted bids of the Hayden-Beardslee agency of Cassopolis to furnish two new patrol cars at a cost of \$2,780 each with trade-in and the Atkinson agency, Cassopolis, to furnish an ambulane at a cost of \$2,270.

Supervisors voted down a

proposal by Keller to extend the March 1 deadline for securing dog licenses without penalty. A campaign to get dogs licensed by the new dog warden, Steve Toth, was reflected in a report from the county treasurer's office that license fees have increased by more than \$1,000. More license sales also have been reported by township treasurers which issued licenses up to the March 1 deadline.

Also Plan Bond Vote In June

Long-Range Construction Project Seen

COVERT — The Covert board of education last night set the date for an operating millage election and agreed to hold a school building bond issue vote in June.

Board members adopted a resolution calling a special election on April 17 when residents will vote on a proposed eight mill operating tax rate for the 1967-68 school year.

Operating millage has been voted annually in the Covert district and voters have approved seven mills in recent years. Board members decided to hold the special millage election this year before signing a master contract with the school faculty. By holding the millage vote early, board members will know how much money is available before signing teacher contracts for next year.

BOND ISSUE PLANNED

The millage election will be held in the township hall.

Board members also discussed the preliminary steps of voting a bond issue to finance a long-range building program. They decided that such an election should be held at the same time as the annual school election on June 12 to avoid voter confusion concerning the two elections.

School officials have discussed the possibility of constructing an elementary school, middle school and new high school to replace the present school facilities over a 12-year period.

The amount of the bond issue and specific details of the building program will be decided later by the board.

In other business, the board approved bills and payrolls totaling \$35,639.75 and approved the calendar for the 1967-68 school year.

C&O Fixes Tracks At Wreck Site

\$300,000 Damage; Cause Unknown

FENNVILLE — Traffic was restored on the Grand Rapids-Chicago line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway yesterday, about 26 hours after two locomotives and 43 freight cars derailed at New Richmond four miles north of here.

The first passenger train moved over the repaired track sections at 9:10 a.m. and freight trains followed later throughout the day.

All trains are limited to 10 miles per hour over the repaired section of track.

SETTLE BED

C&O spokesmen at Grand Rapids said the speed limit over the repaired section of track will be enforced for about two weeks until the road bed is stabilized. Clearing of the wreckage is expected to take about two weeks also.

The spokesmen said damage to locomotives, box cars and cargo has been estimated at \$236,000 to \$300,000.

Cause of the Sunday morning derailment has not been determined.



FRED HAMLIN

Hamlin has been active in the First Methodist church, Boy Scouts and Girl scouts and served in the Navy from 1948 to 1950. He and his wife and three children, Ruth, 15; Wendy, 13, and Rick, 7, reside on Sutherland avenue.

MRS. DAVIS

Coloma City Clerk Is Seeking Her 7th Term

COLOMA — Mrs. Florence Davis, Coloma city clerk since 1955, has announced her candidacy for re-election. Mrs. Davis

has been opposed only once for the post she has held for six terms.

Mrs. Davis and her husband, William E. Davis, have lived in Coloma since 1932. They formerly owned the Coloma Poultry farm and later the Coloma News Agency. They own their home at 189 West Center street.

Mrs. Davis was born in Kounts, Ind., near Valparaiso, and was educated in Hammond, Ind. She is a past matron of the Coloma Order of Eastern Star; a past mother advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, and a past state officer in the Inter-Order organization. She is active in a number of local clubs.

Mrs. Davis has served as the clerk of the Coloma water department since her appointment in 1958. She presented her resignation from that office to the city commission last fall. Her resignation has never been formally accepted.

Broyles is charged with shooting Cottrell Woodard, 58, of 608 Highland Avenue, Benton Township. Woodard, who was hit in the stomach by a .45-caliber slug, continues to be listed in "poor" condition at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor.



MRS. FLORENCE DAVIS

NEWS OF MARKETS

Wall Street Stocks Rise Irregularly

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market was irregularly higher at the opening today. Trading was moderately active.

Most changes were fractional. Bethlehem rose $\frac{1}{4}$ to 33 $\frac{3}{4}$; Ford lost $\frac{1}{4}$ to 47 $\frac{1}{4}$; General Motors rose $\frac{1}{4}$ to 72 $\frac{3}{4}$.

United Aircraft lost $\frac{1}{4}$ at 88 $\frac{1}{4}$; RCA lost $\frac{1}{4}$ at 50; Zenith lost $\frac{1}{4}$ at 56, and Consolidated Edison rose $\frac{1}{4}$ at 34 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Financial gains were made by Anaconda, Phelps Dodge, American Can, General Electric, M-G-M, Swift and American Tobacco.

Monday the Associated Press average of 60 stocks dipped .7 to 315.4.

Prices were mixed on the American Stock Exchange.

Fined For Selling Of Wine

BANGOR — Charles W. McGrew, 37, route 2, Lawrence, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling wine without a license when arraigned before Bangor township Justice Walter Stuckles, Monday, South Haven state police said.

Troopers said McGrew paid fine and court costs totaling \$58.70.

McGrew was one of three men arrested at the farm of Richard Hathaway, about 4 miles south of Bangor, Sunday on charges of violating state liquor laws.

Hathaway, 38, pleaded guilty to the same charge when arraigned Sunday night. Elmer Conner, 40, was arrested for being drunk and disorderly, but the charge was dismissed Monday by Van Buren Prosecutor Donald Goodville, Jr.

The arrests were made following an investigation of the death of Emerson R. Johnson, about 31, a laborer on the Hathaway farm. An autopsy revealed Johnson strangled on his own vomit.

Johnson's body was being held today at McKane funeral home, Bangor. Burial arrangements were pending a decision by relatives who live in New Mexico.

New York Stocks

As quoted by WM. C. RONEY & CO., 605 W. MAIN Member of New York Stock Exchange

	Close	Late
Alcon	78	78
Allied Ch	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ain Can	50	50 $\frac{1}{2}$
Amer Elec Power	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am Motors	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am Tel & Tel	62	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am Tch	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	34
A.M.F.	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anacon	85	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atch, Top & S.F.	30	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Avco	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beth Steel	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Boeing	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	70 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brunswick	13	13
Burrroughs	110 $\frac{1}{2}$	107 $\frac{1}{2}$
Calum & II	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Case, J.I.	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ches & Ohio	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chrysler	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cities Svcs	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$
Consal	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	57
Cont Can	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dow, Chem	71	71
Du Pont	151	151
East Kod	140 $\frac{1}{2}$	141
Ford Mot	48	47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gen. Elec.	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	87
Gen. Eds	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	70 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gen Motors	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gen Tel & Elec	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gen Tire	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33
Gillette	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Goodyear	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	43
Ill Cent	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
Int Bus Mch	440	440
Int Harv	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
Int Pap	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Int Nick	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
Int Tel & Tel	87	87 $\frac{1}{2}$
	87	87 $\frac{1}{2}$

ADDITIONAL LOAN LISTED SECURITIES
(Supplied by Berrien Securities, Inc., 219 East Main, B.H.)

	Previous Close	Today's Close	Today's Latest
American Metals-Climax	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bendix Corp.	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Clark Equipt.	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
Consolidated Foods	50	50	50
Electro-Voice	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Essex Wire	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	54 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hammermill Paper	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mich. Gas Utilities	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
National Standard	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Schlumberger	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	55	55
Talon, Inc.	24	24	24
Whirlpool Corp.	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$

LOCAL UNLISTED SECURITIES
Abion Malleable 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ -14 $\frac{1}{2}$ 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ -14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Abion Harbor Malleable 6 bid 6 bid
Ind. & Mich., Pfd. 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ -77 74-78

Tax-Exempt Bonds Are Best For Those With High Income

By SAM SHULSKY

NEW YORK — As the income tax deadline approaches, and investors begin making tentative stabs at determining the extent of the damage, it's only natural that resolutions to reduce the tax bite next year should multiply. And so does the mail to this desk asking about investments offering tax exempt income.

Most letters ask about the desirability of adding municipal bonds to one's portfolio. And the answer — as is true of many answers in the complex world of investments — is: It depends.

Meaning, it depends upon your investment goal and on the income tax bracket you happen to be in.

Municipal bonds are those issued by states, cities, towns and their various subdivisions — school, water and power districts, tunnels, bridges, roads, etc. etc.

Income from these bonds is immune from Federal income tax exemption and, in most cases, from state income taxes. Other readers in 22, 25, 28 percent brackets repeat the query with minor variations in basic savings?

Even ignoring the fact that she ought to have several thousand in savings for emergency purposes, there would still be little point to sacrificing gross income for the sake of reducing taxation.

The quality of municipal bond she should buy would, today, bring in about 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent.

At present, she is getting 5 percent, taxable. Reducing the 5 percent income by 18 percent means she is getting 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent net after taxes.

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Sometimes that's a bonus well worth getting. Sometimes it's only an idea not born out by the facts. For example:

Mercy Hospital

ADMISSIONS

Patients admitted to Mercy Hospital during the past 24 hours were:

Benton Harbor — Robert Brannock, 160 Robbins; Mrs. Martha Glupker, 1285 Monroe; John Henry Chamberlain, 429 Eighth; Lester Elmore, route 3, Box 347-C; Mrs. Hubert F. Wissler, 1073 Broadway; Mrs. William Booker, 158 Burton; Mrs. Louis Cutaria, 369 Waverly drive; Mrs. Charles Hister, 425 Maple; Mrs. James McCauley, 425 Euclid.

St. Joseph — Mrs. Perry Kenney, 1213 Clemens; Mrs. Louis Rutherford, route 2, Box 546.

Stevensville — Mrs. Harold Hafer, 1758 West Glenold.

DISCHARGED

Benton Harbor — Mrs. Darlene Beck, 1468 Union; Mrs. Espy Cramer, 408 Washington; Walter Zindler, 1083 Columbus; Coloma — Joseph Gludic, route 3, Box 314.

Eau Claire — Graydon Pope, route 1, Box 135-C.

Sodus — Mrs. Tommy Stack, route 1, River road.

Two Thefts

Two thefts investigated overnight by Benton Harbor police included the battery from an auto, owned by Mrs. Winell Perkins and parked near her home, 338 North Hill Avenue, and four hubcaps from an auto owned by John A. Schaeffer, 649 Lafferty street, and parked in the 700 block of East Main street.

The springs in early watches sometimes were made of hog bristles.

\$425,000 Bond Issue Awarded

For Finishing Watervliet High

WATERVILLE — The Watervliet school board Monday night awarded a supplemental bond issue of \$425,000 to complete construction on the new high school, build a playground and athletic field, and finish equipping of the high school and the present elementary buildings.

Berrien Securities, Inc., of Benton Harbor, and The First of Michigan corporation, Detroit, formed the winning syndicate among five bidders for the bonds.

The issue is a 1-to-10 maturity with interest coupons ranging from 3.9 to 5 per cent. The average interest charge to the district to the last maturity in 1966 is 4.0234 per cent.

Voters in the district approved the supplemental issue by a vote of 383 to 192 at a special election last Oct. 3.

The school board called the election to fill out the failure of an earlier \$1,795,000 bond issue to build the new high school and update other facilities.

LAND DISPUTE

Part of the added expense, and the gap between the October 3 election and Monday night's bid opening traced to prolonged negotiations in acquiring a nursery tract owned by State Sen. Charles O. Zolar as part of the athletic grounds. The dispute over the land's value stopped just short of court action.

Monday's sale reflected an easing in the money market. The district sold the first and larger bond issue on Feb. 28, 1966 at an average interest cost of 4.1838 per cent.

The interest cost of the bonds sold last night will be \$308,161.41 during the period of 1968-69.

OTHER BIDS

Other bids were Payne, Weber & Bache Co., 4,110.15 per cent; Payne, Weber, Jackson & Custis, 4,150.05 per cent, and Detroit Bank & Trust Co., 4.5 per cent. One bid was delivered late.

The board approved the payment and interest on the 1959 school bond issue in the amount of \$23,591.55.

A committee was appointed to investigate the purchase of equipment and furnishings for the new school and prepare a report for a special meeting to be scheduled within the month.

Serving on the committee are Richard Rogers, school superintendent, Olar Walker, assistant superintendent, and Duane Formssma, school principal.

SCHOOL BUS POLICY

The policy of using school buses for transportation to extra-curricular activities was discussed and it was agreed that the buses be used for educational trips.

The board voted to allow school buses to take the members of the senior class to Detroit where they will board planes for the class trip to Washington, D.C., on March 27. The request was made by Mannes Overway, a faculty member and one of the senior class sponsors.

A leave for educational purposes for the 1967-68 school year was granted to Mrs. Celeste Sands, home economics teacher.

It was announced that members of the board will attend a meeting of the county school boards to be held at the River Valley high school, Three Oaks, this evening at 7:30 designated to aid school districts in teacher salary negotiations.

Bills in the amount of \$8,518.74 were approved for payment from the general fund and a payment from the 1966 building site fund to contractor Seth E. Givens was approved in the amount of \$43,569.

There is no substitute for doing some arithmetic and seeing how a 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent tax-free income shapes up in your own particular situation. But for what it's worth many municipal bond experts lay down as a rule of thumb that unless you are in the 30 percent and above bracket it generally doesn't pay to consider tax-exempt. Undoubtedly, there will be some argument about this arbitrary figure. But then, there always is on any attempt to make flat assertions about investing.

But I think it's fair to say that one should not consider municipals unless one's tax bracket is at the 30 percent mark or higher and unless one is prepared to give up inflation protection and capital growth — neither of which can be expected from municipal bonds.